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SUBJ: MORE EDITORIAL COMMENT ON BANGLADESH

1. FOLLOWING ARE QUOTES FRGM EDITORIAL ON BANGLADESH PUBLISHED  
BY DINAMANI, INDEPENDENT TAMIL DAILY (INDIAN EXPRESS GRGUP) 8/20:

"INDIA CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THE HAPPENINGS IN BANGLADESH...  
ONLY TIME WILL TELL THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED IN BANGLADESH...  
INDIA SHGULD NOT ALLOW OTHER COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IN INDO-  
BANGIA RELATIONS."

COMMENT: THIS INDICATES DEFINITE CHANGE IN TONE FROM EDITORIAL  
("COUP IN BANGLADESH") PUBLISHED IN MADRAS INDIAN EXPRESS 8/18,  
WHICH BLAMED THE COUP ON SHEIKH MUJIB'S SHORTCOMINGS. TO DATE  
THIS IS ONLY VERNACULAR LANGUAGE EDITORIAL ON BANGLADESH.

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2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DECCAN HERALD, BANGALGRE, 8/19, HAD FOLLOWING

TO SAY IN EDITORIAL "BANGLA COUP": "THE KILLING OF SHEIKH MUJIBUR REHMAN, FATHER OF THAT NATION (BANGLADESH), TOGETHER WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED BY A CLGSE COLLEAGUE OF ONE WHOM A GRATEFUL AND EMOTIONAL PEOPLE HAD HAILED AS "BANGA BANDHU" COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONTRIVED WITH SUCH CUNNING AND IN SUCH SECRECY WITHOUT EFFECTIVE FOREIGN AID IN VARIOUS FORMS AND OF WHICH ONLY GUESSES CAN BE MADE NOW... THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH BANGLADESH EMERGED AS A REPUBLIC INDICATE THE DIRECTIONS FROM WHICH AID AND ABETMENT FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN BANGLADESH COULD HAVE COME... WHEN IT IS RECALLED THAT THE NIXON GOVERNMENT TILTED SO MUCH TOWARDS THE UAHYA KHAN DICTATORSHIP DURING SONAR BANGLA'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND EVEN THREATENED INDIA WITH THE BIGGEST NUCLEAR WARSHIP OF THE U.S., WE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE RETROSPECTIVE SATISFACTION IN THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IN WHICH DR. KISSINGER CONTINUES TO BE A DOMINATING PERSONALITY, AND THIS NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONSIDERABLE U.S. AID LATELY GIVEN TO BANGLADESH...

IT MAY BE THAT THE SHEIKH OVER-REACHED HIMSELF IN ASSUMING ABSOLUTE POWER AND IN TAKING NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS, CAUSING JEALOUSIES, SUSPICIONS AND FRUSTRATIONS IN THOSE AROUND HIM, ON ALL OF WHICH POWERFUL FOREIGN INTERESTS COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE CAPITALIZED. WHATEVER THEY OR THEIR STOOGES MIGHT DO IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE MUJIB LEGEND WILL ENDURE AND LIVE LONG... THERE IS IMPERATIVE NEED NOW FOR TOTAL NATIONAL UNITY. IT IS ALL VERY WELL TO SAY THAT THE COUP IS A DOMESTIC PROBLEM OF BANGLADESH, BUT IT WILL BE STUPID TO IGNORE THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT COUP DEFINITELY STRETCHES BEYOND THE FRONTIERS OF BANGLADESH."  
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UNQUOTE.  
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